

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

CHILCOTT *TC*

LUND *BL*

THOMPSON *AK*

TAYLOR (Clerk & Recorder)

Date.....September 20, 2006

Members Present.....Commissioner Greg Chilcott, Commissioner Betty Lund and Commissioner Alan Thompson

Minutes: Glenda Wiles

The Board of County Commissioners met to hear the continuation of the petition for abandonment for a portion of Old Darby and Overturf Roads. Commissioner Chilcott was absent for this meeting due to his attendance in District Court for a county case.

Present at this meeting was Petitioner Kevin Hatch, Attorney Howard Recht and Road Supervisor David Ohnstad.

David stated the Old Darby Road is not an issue due to the 90' of easement which includes 30' of pasture. This abandonment would still allow the county the needed 60' of right-of way. The issue is with Overturf Road in regard to an issue with a neighbor. Howard stated they have that issue pretty much resolved, now the issue is to move the south east corner 2' by the remainder at 30'. David stated this still allows a good radius around the corner. David noted this will allow the property owner some relief in encroaching into an easement and it does not negatively affect the county in any way. The survey has been completed and they are waiting for the Commissioners to approve of this change in the south east corner in order to move forward.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the abandonment the section of Old Darby Road on the western side of Old Darby Road COS 562846-C Tracts 1 and 2, reverting to the property owner of tracts 1 & 2. Commissioner Lund seconded and all voted "aye".

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve that portion of Overturf Road that is designated on the survey as presented with the exception of the 2' strip at the intersection of Old Darby and Overturf Roads (south east corner of the property) as noted in COS # _____ which will revert to Tract 1. Commissioner Lund seconded the motion and all voted "aye". See Resolution No. 1976.

In other business, the Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing for adoption of the Fiscal Year 2007 budget and tax levy for premium contributions. Commissioner Lund called the public hearing to order reading the public notice tax levy for health insurance premium contributions. Present at this hearing was Internal Auditor Klarryse Murphy and Accountant Jana Exner. County employees and Gloria Langstaff of the Bitterroot Library were present.

Public comment was called for on tax levy for health insurance premium contributions. None was made. Klarryse stated this is a levy of 13.436 because in Fiscal Year 2006 there was an excess of cash built up on this levy. Although there was some excess; the reserves were set too low. This will allow the health premiums to be set at a slightly higher rate with an increase to the tax payer's amount at around .13 to .15 cents. \$842,000 is the amount needed for the health premium account. Klarryse noted interest amounts are added to this amount along with the existing balance.

The public hearing was closed for tax levy.

The public hearing was now opened for the Fiscal Year 2007 budget adoption. Commissioner Lund read the public hearing notice. Public comment was called for. Gloria Langstaff thanked the Board for including the libraries again. They serve 1,000 people a week at the Bitterroot Library and this money helps them serve the public.

Public comment was closed. Board deliberations took place. Klarryse stated she can not find any line items where the generator for the administrative building was included. They can utilize capital reserve fund monies (which have \$65,000 in that fund), so there is money available. She hopes another \$18,000 will be added to the capital reserve fund monies and there are monies left over from the building funds in order to pay for the generator.

The budget at \$17,808,000.00 does not include CIP or the grant monies. Commissioner Thompson stated Congress will either fund the Rural Secure Schools at the end of September or they won't. This optional funding brings in over \$200,000 to the Road Department this year.

Commissioner Thompson also noted the Commissioners have made some good financial decisions such as the purchase of the Administration and Youth Court building. And while they were helpful to the Sheriff's budget this year, there might not be that much help next year. Klarryse stated the remodel loans and Enhanced 9-1-1 will finish up this year and will add an extra \$40,000 to \$50,000 in maintenance next year.

Klarryse noted the reserves last year included the debt service bonds. Thus the county has built up more reserves since they hit rock bottom in 2002.

The total mills are 1.13 plus those that are outside the cap such as Search and Rescue, Road, and Senior citizens. Employee contributions are outside the cap for a total of 119.28 mills.

Klarryse thanked the Commissioners and Skip for their hard work, particularly setting the priorities for the available money.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2007 budget as presented at 119.28 mills. Commissioner Lund seconded the motion and all voted "aye." See Resolution No. 1981.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to adopt the tax levy for health premiums at 13.346 mils. Commissioner Lund seconded the motion and all voted "aye". See Resolution No. 1982.

The public hearing was closed.

In other business the Board met with Planning Director Karen Hughes in regard to a discussion on road regulation revisions for RSID and recovery of road improvement expenses. The staff report included draft revisions to the regulations. They have reviewed the formulas for reimbursement of road improvements but do not have those amounts calculated. David will put those costs together and another meeting will be set. Karen also noted other portion of the draft regulations need to be further addressed with Civil Counsel. (See attached Planning Department Staff Memo dated August 9, 2006.)

In other business the door was closed due to a personnel issue as allowed under Montana Statute.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to sign the State of Montana contract for Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response. Commissioner Lund seconded the motion and all voted 'aye'. Commissioner Chilcott was not present for this vote.